

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 6, with the following replacement paragraph:

The separators according to the present invention are preferably bendable down to any radius down to 100 mm, preferably down to 50 mm and most preferably down to 0.5 mm without damage. The separators according to the present invention are also notable for a breaking strength of not less than 1 N/cm, preferably of not less than 3 N/cm and most preferably of more than 6 N/cm. The high breaking strength and the good bendability of the separator according to the present invention have the advantage that the separator is able to follow electrode geometry changes occurring in the course of the charging and discharging of the battery without the separator becoming damaged. The bendability, moreover, has the advantage that commercially standardized wound cells can be manufactured using this separator. With these cells, the electrode-separator plies are spirally wound up with each other in standardized size and contacted.